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SUBJECT: IDF RETENTION NEGOTIATIONS - DRAFT MEMORANDUM  
OF UNDERSTANDING

THE FOLLOWING IS ACTUAL TEXT OF DRAFT MEMORANDUM  
OF UNDERSTANDING FONMIN AGUSTSSON NOW HAS IN HIS  
POSSESSION.

BEGIN QUOTE:

REGARDING THE CONTINUATION OF THE FACILITIES AND THEIR  
UTILIZATION BY THE ICELAND DEFENSE FORCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
THE DEFENSE AGREEMENT OF MAY 5, 1951, THE GOVERNMENTS OF  
THE UNITED STATES AND ICELAND HAVE REACHED THE FOLLOWING  
UNDERSTANDINGS:

1. A. THE UNITED STATES WILL SEEK TO REDUCE ITS  
MILITARY PERSONNEL IN THE ICELAND DEFENSE  
FORCE AS AGREED UPON BETWEEN THE TWO  
GOVERNMENTS.

B. AFTER NOTIFICATION TO THE GOVERNMENT OF ICELAND,  
THE UNITED STATES MAY CONDUCT PERIODIC  
REINFORCEMENT EXERCISES FOR THE DEFENSE OF  
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ICELAND AND NATO.

2. THE TWO GOVERNMENTS AGREE THAT WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME ICELANDIC PERSONNEL WITH SUITABLE QUALIFICATIONS AND TRAINING WILL REPLACE UNITED STATES PERSONNEL IN CERTAIN POSITIONS WITH THE ICELAND DEFENSE FORCE. HOWEVER, THE UNITED STATES DOES NOT SEEK TO EMPLOY OR RETAIN MORE UNITED STATES OR ICELANDIC PERSONNEL THAN CIRCUMSTANCES WARRANT, AND, THEREFORE, MAY CHANGE THE SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF THE ICELAND DEFENSE FORCE WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF ARTICLES III AND IV OF THE 1951 DEFENSE AGREEMENT.

3. SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF APPROPRIATED FUNDS, NECESSARY MATERIALS AND ICELANDIC LABOR, THE UNITED STATES WILL SEEK TO CONSTRUCT FAMILY HOUSING UNITS ON THE AGREED AREAS SUFFICIENT TO ACCOMMODATE ELIGIBLE UNITED STATES MILITARY PERSONNEL STATIONED IN ICELAND. PENDING THE COMPLETION OF THIS HOUSING, THE MILITARY AUTHORITIES OF THE UNITED STATES MAY ACT AS AGENT FOR PERSONNEL RESIDING OFF THE AGREED AREAS IN ORDER TO ASSURE ADEQUACY OF HOUSING, FAIR RENTAL RATES AND APPROPRIATE LEASING PROVISIONS.

4. SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF APPROPRIATED FUNDS, THE UNITED STATES WILL SEEK TO TAKE SUCH MUTUALLY AGREED-UPON MEASURES AS WILL EFFECTIVELY SEPARATE THE CIVILIAN AIR TERMINAL FROM BASE FACILITIES IN THE KEFLAVIK AGREED AREA. UPON THE SEPARATION OF THE CIVILIAN AIR TERMINAL AND THE BASE FACILITIES, THE ACTIONS OF THE TWO GOVERNMENTS CONCERNING POLICE JURISDICTION AND POLICE FUNCTIONS SHALL BE GOVERNED BY PROCEDURES TO BE AGREED WHICH SHALL REFLECT THE ALTERED CIRCUMSTANCES IN THE AGREED AREAS.

5. SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF APPROPRIATED FUNDS, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WILL SEEK TO UPGRADE THE KEFLAVIK AIRFIELD OVER A 10-YEAR PERIOD TO MEET FEDERAL AVIATION AGENCY STANDARDS FOR CATEGORY II FLIGHT OPERATIONS.

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6. THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WILL ENTER INTO FORCE ON THE DAY ON WHICH IT IS SIGNED.

SIGNED AT BY THE  
ACCREDITED REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PARTIES ON  
1974.

END QUOTE.  
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